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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, JANUARY 7TH, 1909.

THE visit of H.E. TANG SHAO-YI to the  
United States as a Special Ambassador to  
convey to the President an expression of  
gratitude for the action of the United  
States in reference to the Boxer indemnity  
has given rise to much speculation in the  
American Press as to whether the visit did  
not have some additional significance. The  
letter from the late Emperor of China to  
the President, did not, however, contain a  
single phrase which could be construed into  
a hint of any desire for closer diplomatic  
relations, nor did His Excellency or the  
President let fall anything in the course of  
their speeches foreshadowing the Treaty  
negotiations so confidently predicted by a  
section of the American Press. Yet we  
observe that a telegram is published in a  
northern contemporary stating that His  
Excellency TANG SHAO-YI's efforts to  
induce the United States to enter into  
an alliance with China have failed.  
It is natural to suppose that, at the  
conferences which the Special Ambassador  
has had with Mr. BOOR, matters  
affecting the policy of the two countries in  
regard to each other were freely discussed,

and possibly the Secretary of State was  
invited to express an opinion concerning the  
recent advocacy of an alliance by a section  
of the American Press. TANG SHAO-YI,  
however, is statesman enough to be able to  
anticipate the sort of reply he would  
receive. Apart from this matter which  
may be regarded as outside the pale of  
practical politics, the Special Ambassador  
doubtless, had many matters to talk  
over with the Secretary. In well-informed  
circles in Washington it was believed that  
the financial questions would take a leading  
place in the discussions at these conferences.  
This is not unlikely, for prior to leaving for  
the United States, TANG SHAO-YI was much  
occupied with financial affairs. The need  
of foreign capital to assist in the develop-  
ment of the resources of the Empire was  
forcing itself prominently upon his atten-  
tion, and it is highly probable, therefore,  
that questions of this character did figure  
largely in the conferences between the  
Special Ambassador and Mr. BOOR. If  
TANG SHAO-YI has a leaning towards any  
particular foreign country it is towards  
America. When, by virtue of the famous  
Edict of May 1906, he became Vice-Im-  
perial Commissioner of Customs, he  
dispatched, under Dr. TENNY, a selected  
band of Chinese students to America for  
instruction in Western methods of adminis-  
tration with a view to their becoming fitted  
to fill the higher posts in the Imperial  
Maritime Customs service. Educational as  
well as financial questions were therefore  
probably discussed, but the only tangible  
result of these conferences that the  
world has so far heard about is the deci-  
sion of the United States Government to  
raise the Legation at Peking to the rank of  
an Embassy. When we recall how jealously  
the leading States have always  
striven to assert their superiority by resist-  
ing demands on the part of inferior States  
for a step in diplomatic rank, the report is  
somewhat surprising that the United States  
contemplates in this way the recognition of  
China as ranking equally with her in the  
diplomatic world. Though none of the Powers  
raised the status of their Legations in Japan  
until after the abolition of extra-territoriality  
it has been reported that the elevation of  
the Legations in Tokyo has been a sore  
point with China, and that the hint has  
been given to the Foreign Powers that  
China would like to be placed on the same  
footing in her diplomatic relations.  
There does not yet appear to be any  
official confirmation of the report from  
Washington and, though it is quite possible  
that the United States may have flattered  
China by such a concession, it is doubtful  
whether the other Powers are at present  
prepared to follow the example.

Sergt. Major Higby, the general staff officer  
of the Hongkong Volunteers, leaves for home  
on holiday next week.

The Portuguese Lilliputians scored another  
success last night with their rendering of "The  
Geisha."

The marriage of Comte de Silguy to  
Ankarette, daughter of Mr. C. Ewins, of Hong-  
kong, was celebrated at Baywater on Dec. 3rd.

The dress-rehearsal of "The Silver King" by  
the Kowloon Dock A.D.C. last night was very  
successful. It promises well for fine per-  
formances on Saturday and Monday nights.

"Nations and their rulers" was the subject  
of discussion at last night's meeting in con-  
nection with the universal week of prayer. The  
leader was the Rev. J. H. Franco.

The Governor of Ceylon paid a public tribute  
to the exemplary behaviour of the crews of the  
American battleships during the fleet's visit to  
Colombo.

The special service cruiser *Hawke*, Captain  
Arthur H. Oldham, in the Home Fleet, has  
been detailed to proceed this month from her  
port to Hongkong with the relief crews and  
ratings for the China Squadron.

In a lecture at the Society of Arts, London,  
Dr. Mott said he had been devoting a great  
deal of attention lately to the brains of the  
Chinese, and had discovered that they were  
possessed of very fine brains indeed.

To "speed away" 1908, and to "welcome"  
1909, the Members of the Amoy Club gave,  
on the 31st December, a Fancy Dress Ball at  
the Club Theatre, which the Amoy Gazette  
describes as a huge success.

The Regent has ordered the Grand Council  
to again send despatches to the various Provincial  
authorities, urging them to submit proposals in  
connection with the abolition of the eight banner  
regiments during the present Chinese year.

The question of meeting the enormous reduc-  
tion in the revenue of China which will result  
from the suppression of opium has recently been  
considered by the controllers of the Customs at  
Peking and it is proposed to tax all articles of  
luxury.

A peculiar theft was reported to the police  
yesterday. A lady's bicycle valued at \$45 was  
stolen from the latrine at Bowrington Canal.  
Another theft was that of a private riches which  
was taken from the side channel at 257, Des  
Vaux Road.

Senhor Goncalves Pereira, the Brazilian  
Minister to China and Japan, was in London  
last month. His Excellency intended spending  
a few days in Paris before returning to the  
East.

The sentence on four of the murderers of the  
late Dr. Barrack, at Kuantan, Straits Settlements  
has been commuted to imprisonment for  
life, while Chia Sam, the ringleader, and three  
others were to be executed, on January 4th.

A scheme has been formulated by the Grand  
Council at Peking with the assistance of the  
Board of War for the unifying of all the  
military forces of the Empire, the Regent being  
Commander-in-Chief.

Between Monday evening and Tuesday  
morning there were stolen from a drawer in  
Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon's office  
stamps to the value of \$140.60. The stamps  
ranged from ten cents to fifty cents, \$1, \$2, \$3,  
\$5 and \$10. An office coolie who is missing is  
suspected.

No fewer than fifteen pages of the *Perak*  
*Gazette* are occupied by notices concerning  
the resumption or sale of land by the Govern-  
ment for abandonment, arrears of rent, or  
breach of conditions. In the Batang Padang  
district alone the list of those who are called  
upon to show cause why land should not be  
forfeited for breach of the labour clause runs  
to four and a half pages.

The county cruiser *Bedford*, Captain Seymour  
E. Erskine, will terminate her two years' com-  
mission with the China Squadron next month.  
She will be kept on the station, and to that end  
a new crew will be despatched to Hongkong this  
month, and on arrival there Captain Erskine  
will pay off the old crew and his successor will  
recommence the cruise. Captain Erskine's  
period of command expires on Jan. 12th and  
also the foreign service of 20 other officers of  
the *Bedford*.

We have been hearing so much about a reform  
of the Chinese currency during the past twelve  
months, and seeing so little of any actual result  
that one is almost tired of reading of the Chinese  
Government "proposals." But the latest is  
worth noting. We are indebted to a Peking  
contemporary for the information that "the  
Government proposes to endeavor to institute  
a gold currency next year." It has been sug-  
gested by an official that 15 Chinese half-tael  
coins should equal one pound sterling.

It will be remembered that the form in which  
Reuters's summary of the Rosebery Committee  
Report on reform of the House of Lords  
conveyed the impression that ex-Governors of  
Ceylon, Hongkong, the Straits Settlements etc.,  
would be awarded seats in the improved Upper  
House. This, however, is not borne out by the  
text of the report to hand by last mail.  
Governorships of a Crown Colony will only  
qualify for a seat in the case of persons who are  
hereditary peers—namely, it will raise them to  
the higher degree of "Lords of Parliament."

An instance of a man who preferred prison  
to liberty was discovered yesterday when a  
Chinese was brought before the Magistrate on  
a charge of returning from banishment.  
Apparently he found difficulty in getting his  
daily bread in the country and he resolved to  
return to Hongkong and enter prison. He  
came up to the Police Station, gave his name,  
number of photograph, so that his identification  
was easy. As it was found that he had been  
banished, the Magistrate granted the man's wish  
by sending him to prison for six months.

By kind permission of Major Evans and  
Officers, the band of the 13th Rajputs under  
Bandmaster Oke will play the following pro-  
gramme of music, at the King Edward Hotel,  
during dinner, on Thursday the 7th January,  
1909 (weather permitting):—  
Two Step ..... "Listen to the Big Brass Band"  
Serenade ..... "Liebelei"  
Grand Overture Selection (by Request) .....  
"A Traveller's Home"  
The Chorus from ..... "Nebuchadnezzar"—Rigold  
Valse ..... "Love Dream"  
Lancers ..... "Water Ball"  
Cake Walk ..... "I'd give 100 dollars for the gal"

The London *Times*, in noticing the death of  
Sir Ewen Cameron, K.C.M.G., late London  
manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai  
Banking Corporation, said of him:—"Sir Ewen  
Cameron has been greatly missed in the City  
since his retirement nearly four years ago. He  
had a wide circle of friends and a great many  
acquaintances, who appreciated deeply his  
unfailing courtesy, as well as his remarkable  
power of expressing himself on all business  
matters. He was well known as an unrivalled  
authority in regard to Chinese finance, and  
was frequently consulted by the Government on  
questions having a bearing on it." Sir Ewen  
Cameron died at his London residence, and the  
interment took place at Inverness. His age  
was 57.

Mr. W. B. Mason has consented to be the  
permanent secretary of the British Association  
of Japan. A prize fund has just been opened  
in connection with the Japanese Language  
Examination Scheme. It is hoped that the  
prizes offered to candidates passing the third  
stage under the conditions outlined in the di-  
rectments will prove an incentive to many  
Britishers to enter for these examinations,  
which were only commenced some six months  
ago. Mr. V. G. Bowden, after eight months'  
study, has already passed the required standard.  
The first prize out of the fund has therefore  
been awarded to him. There are now about  
275 members of the Association. The Com-  
mittee elected at the annual meeting, held last  
month, is as follows:—Chairman, Mr. F. P.  
Sale; Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. D. C. Jones;  
Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. H. Cole Watson;  
Committee: Messrs. P. S. Bent, A. J. Corrie,  
L. J. Healing, J. Williamson Jones, C. K.  
Marshall Martin, and J. C. Ward.

Mr. H. Classen, of Melchers and Company  
appeared to prosecute an earth coolie for steal-  
ing a gold ring belonging to him. He had left  
it in the bath room of his residence at Peak  
Road, and as it could not be found, suspicion  
fell upon the earth coolie. She was taxed with  
it next morning, and on confessing, was handed  
over to the police. Mr. Kemp sentenced her to  
one month's imprisonment.

Captain Price's airship made an ascent at  
Shanghai on Christmas Day, but the *N.C.*  
*Daily News* says, misfortune dogged its path,  
for almost immediately something went wrong  
with the engine and the airship became a mere  
non-durable balloon. The wind carried it, at  
varying altitudes, in the direction of Woonung,  
and ultimately the aeronaut was compelled to let  
out the gas and descended near a Chinese village  
some ten miles away. While he was engaged in  
making arrangements for the transport of the  
airship back to Shanghai, Chinese curiosity  
or mania for curio-hunting prompted these  
spectators to make off with most of the frame-  
work, which had been damaged by the fall, and  
to test the workmanship of the balloon by insert-  
ing knives into the silk. Ultimately, towards 3  
a.m. the traitor airship returned to head quarters  
on the shoulders of fourteen coolies. General  
sympathy will be felt with Captain Price in his  
misfortune; but, doubtless, he will be well ad-  
vised to postpone, as he intends, a further flight for  
a few months until he has perfected his vessel.  
The ascent on Friday of the "Messenger" shows  
that Captain Price has an airship in *posse*, and  
renders pardonable the enthusiasm which led  
him to advertise prematurely its capabilities. The  
money already spent on the ship amounts, we  
understand, to a good round sum, but Captain  
Price should be able to count upon being  
reimbursed as soon as it is an airship *in esse*.

The Dalai Lama, when he left Peking at 7.0  
a.m. on the 21st ult., was escorted to the station  
by many high officials. Amongst these were  
Prince Kung, H.E. Chang Ying Tang, H.E.  
Ta Shou, the Comptroller of the Imperial  
Household, the Police Magistrate and a number  
of military officers. The Prince Regent, H.E.  
Chang Chih Tung, Prince Ching, H.E. Yuan  
Shih Kai, H.E. Shih Hsu, H.E. Lu Chuan  
Lin and other high officials sent him valuable  
presents. Mr. Rockhill, the Minister for the  
United States, called on the Dalai Lama  
on the 20th instant and presented him with  
a porcelain jar and stand. The Board  
of Finance has reported to the Im-  
perial Household that the total amount  
expended in connection with the visit of the  
Dalai Lama, including all presents, amounts to  
about 200,000 Taels. The presents made to the  
Dalai Lama by the Throne are as follows:—8  
Horses, 20,000 Taels, in cash; 8 pieces porcelain,  
8 pieces glassware, 4 pieces fur, 16 pieces silk  
and about 150 pieces of edible delicacies. His  
Combe have also been recipients of many  
presents. In returning thanks to the Throne  
he presented a golden "joss" which was  
accepted. The Government has promised the  
Dalai Lama to see to the instruction of young  
students which he will send from Tibet at the  
beginning of the next year.

**THE CANTON-HANKOW**  
**RAILWAY LOAN.**

Cable news has reached Canton, our corre-  
spondent says, that the Wai-wu-pu have  
negotiated a loan of £2,000,000 with a British  
Syndicate for the Liang-Hu sections of the  
Canton-Hankow Railway.

On the 3rd instant His Excellency Chang Chi  
Tung despatched a telegram to Viceroy Chang  
in which he reminded the Viceroy that the  
Canton-Hankow Railway will be one of the  
most important railways in China and that the  
construction of same cannot be delayed any  
longer. The Liang-Hu sections of the trunk  
line being much longer than the Kwangtung  
section, it would cost a larger sum of money to  
construct than the two other sections. H.E.  
Chang Chi Tung further states that he had  
consulted with their Excellencies Chan Kwei  
Loong and Shum Chun Ming with regard to  
obtaining the necessary funds for the construction  
of the Liang-Hu sections and that both  
were in favour of a foreign loan.

It was decided to request the Wai-wu-pu to  
negotiate for the loan with a British firm whose  
representative had already arrived in Peking,  
and Ko Ling Wai and Tsang Kwong Yung were  
delegated to enter into negotiations. As funds  
are being raised for the speedy construction of  
the Liang-Hu section, the part of the line  
which is under the control of Viceroy  
Chang, must not be allowed to be de-  
layed any longer. Chang Chi Tung added  
that he understood that the Kwangtung gentry  
are people who have always been very energetic  
in subscribing for railway shares—a thing  
that has hitherto never been done by the  
people in any of the other provinces—but he is  
not aware of the actual amount subscribed by  
the Cantonese or whether the amount subscribed is  
sufficient for the construction of the whole  
Kwangtung section of the line. If there should  
be any shortage, it would be necessary that it  
should be covered in the Liang-Hu loan, which  
would serve to expedite the construction of the  
Kwangtung section. In conclusion, H.E.  
Chang Chi Tung requests Viceroy Chang to  
instruct the gentry of Kwangtung to go into  
the question at once and cable the decision as  
soon as possible.

It is reported that the Kwangtung gentry  
have reported to the Viceroy that they could  
get the necessary funds for the construction of  
the section of the line at this end without the  
help of a foreign loan.

It is the case then the Canton-Hankow  
Railway Company of Kwangtung does not partici-  
pate in the loan closed with the British  
syndicate by the Wai-wu-pu.

**LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.**

The N.Y.K. str. *Awa Maru* (European Line)  
left Singapore on the 5th inst. and is expected  
here on the 11th inst.  
The H.A. Line str. *Andalusia* left Singa-  
pore on 5th inst. at 7 a.m., and may be expected  
here on 12th inst. a.m.

**TELEGRAMS.**

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**JAPAN'S SYMPATHY WITH**  
**ITALY.**

Tokyo, January 6th.

The Red Cross Society of Japan is  
opening a national earthquake fund  
for the relief of the sufferers in Italy.

Baron Komura, Minister of Foreign  
Affairs, convened a private meeting  
to-day at the Foreign Office, and Yen  
70,000 was subscribed on the spot.

The Mitsui, the Mitsu Bishi and  
the Bank of Japan have each con-  
tributed Yen 10,000 to the fund.

**JAPAN AND THE SITUATION**  
**IN CHINA.**

Tokyo, January 6th.

The Japanese Press is confident  
that the situation in China will be  
undisturbed by Yuan Shih-Kai's  
removal from office.

While regretting his loss as a friend  
to Japan, the leading papers express  
the opinion that the negotiations on  
pending questions between the two  
countries will suffer no check.

The Foreign Office is silent on the  
matter.

**THE STRAITS OPIUM REPORT.**

Singapore, January 6th.

Official authority has been given  
to-day for the publication of the  
Report of the Straits Commission on  
the Opium Question.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG  
DAILY PRESS."] **YUAN SHIH-KAI.**

**THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT**  
**APPREHENSIVE.**

LONDON, January 5th.

Reuters's Agency is informed that  
the Government regards the situation  
arising out of the dismissal of Yuan  
Shih-Kai as fraught with serious  
possibilities.

Sir John Jordan, (British Minister  
at Peking) is in communication with  
the Foreign Office regarding the ques-  
tion of making representations to the  
Chinese Government on the subject.

**KING EDWARD'S VISIT TO**  
**GERMANY.**

LONDON, January 5th.

Their Majesties the King and  
Queen will pay a State visit to Berlin  
in the second week in February.

**THE POPE AND THE EARTH-**  
**QUAKE REFUGEES.**

LONDON, January 5th.

The Pope visited the earthquake  
refugees in the Vatican hospital which  
stands on Italian ground.

His Holiness thus passed beyond  
the area wherein he enjoys extra-  
territoriality.

**THE STRAITS OF MESSINA.**

LONDON, January 6th.

The "Gazette" contains an Ad-  
miralty notice advising commanders  
of vessels to exercise the utmost  
caution in navigating the Straits of  
Messina, owing to possible changes in  
the depths on the coastline.

**AUSTRIA AND SERBIA.**

PEELING EASIER.

LONDON, January 6th.

M. Milovanitch, the Serbian  
Minister for Foreign Affairs, in his  
reply to the Austrian representations  
on the subject of his recent speech in  
the Skupstchina, declares that he has  
been incorrectly reported and asks for  
a suspension of judgment until the  
authentic text of the speech is  
published.

Peeling in Vienna is easier in con-  
sequence of this reply.

**SUPREME COURT.**

Wednesday, January 6th.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS  
PICKOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

**THE PEAK MURDER.**

The hearing of the capital charge proffered  
against Kwok Leung, Li Shek Chung and  
Hung Hoi was continued before his Lordship  
and a jury composed of Messrs. T. F. Hall  
(foreman), H. J. van der Bosch, J. P. Uderup,  
D. A. Purves, H. Reeves, H. E. Craddock and  
H. A. Lammert.

The Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, K.C.,  
Attorney-General, who was instructed by Mr.  
Dennys, Jr., from the office of the Crown  
Solicitor, appeared for the Crown, the prisoners  
being defended by Mr. H. G. Calhoun, who was  
instructed by Mr. R. D. Atkinson (of Messrs.  
Deacon, Looker and Deacon).

The case for the prosecution closed in the  
forenoon.

Mr. Calhoun, in the afternoon, opened the  
defence. He told the jurors that this was a case  
in which the evidence brought by the prosecution  
was of a most extraordinary conflicting character.  
If the jury was to believe one of the witnesses,  
they would have to come to the conclusion that  
another was committing perjury. It was not a  
question of a mistake which a man might make,  
but the most deliberate perjury that he thought  
he had ever heard since he had been in the  
Colony. At the end of his speech, when opening  
the case, the Attorney-General said the only  
way he could possibly reconcile the evidence of  
the witnesses was by coming to the conclusion  
that they were giving evidence as to two different  
assaults down by the Peak Church. If the  
jurors believed the first witness they could not  
possibly believe the second. He would ask them  
to say on the evidence that it was impossible to  
believe any of the witnesses, except the European  
constables. It was a peculiar thing about this  
case that the three prisoners were Hoklos, and  
all the witnesses, including the Inkonks, were  
Puntis. That was a very significant fact.  
Evidence was then called, and the hearing  
adjourned.

**MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.**

Wednesday, January 6th.

BEFORE HON. COMMANDER BASIL R. H.  
TAYLOR, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

**ABOARD WITHOUT PERMISSION.**  
A native servant and two boarding house  
runners were fined \$50 each for being on board  
the s.s. *Catherine Apcar* without the permission  
of the master or officers.

**IN THE HARBOUR OF REFUGE.**  
The masters of 32 Chinese craft appeared  
before his Worship on charges of unlawfully  
anchoring their vessels in the typhoon shelter  
at Causeway Bay.

Two of the defendants were fined \$5 apiece,  
and the remainder \$1 each.

**A DESERTER.**  
Seaman F. Gehmann, one of the crew of the  
s.s. *Batuan*, appeared before the Court on a  
charge of deserting from his ship.

After hearing the evidence his Worship  
sentenced the defendant to one month's imprison-  
ment, and ordered that his wages to date should  
be forfeited.

**NEGLECT OF DUTY.**  
Seaman W. Allison of the s.s. *Empress of*  
*Japan* appeared to answer a charge of continued  
and wilful neglect of duty.

The evidence showed that defendant got  
drunk, refused to do his work, and created a  
disturbance with some of the other seamen on  
board.

His Worship ordered the defendant to forfeit  
six days' pay and committed him to jail for 14  
days, or until his ship sailed.

**A DISHONEST BOY.**

Mr. J. J. Stabbings, of the Electric Works,  
Wanchai, prosecuted his "boy" at the  
Magistrate's yesterday for stealing twenty cents.  
It appears that the boy had been engaged on  
the 1st December and on the 8th gave notice of  
his intention to leave. Since the 21st various  
small sums of money amounting in all to about  
\$16 have been missed and suspicion fell on the  
boy. On the 4th inst. Mr. Stabbings marked  
some small money which he placed in a drawer  
in the bedroom. This disappeared and next  
morning Mrs. Stabbings marked a twenty-cent  
piece which she placed in her purse and deposited  
in the drawer. When the boy was in the bed-  
room she went upstairs and examining her purse  
found that the money was gone. She detained  
the boy and sent for her husband who brought  
the police. Sergt. Pitt searched the boy and  
found the missing coin, and a search of his box  
revealed other stolen coins. Defendant was  
sentenced by Mr. Wood to three months' hard  
labour.

**TRANSPORT OF SPECIE.**

In the course of a reference in their report to  
the causes of the falling off in freight, the  
directors of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam  
Navigation Company observe that the "loss of  
revenue this year might be superficially accounted  
for by the restricted movement of specie, which  
is a business entirely dependent on the exchanges,  
and is in no sense within the company's control."  
There is, of course, says a writer in the *Globe*, a  
great deal of truth in this, as, owing to the  
collapse of the silver market, the exports of silver from London to  
India have very largely diminished, the amount  
sent out from this country during the last ten  
months being £7,672,000, which is nearly  
£3,000,000 below the value of the silver exported  
in the corresponding period of last year, and  
about £6,000,000 less than the quantity sent out  
in the ten months of 1906. Less gold has also  
been despatched from London to India, so that  
altogether the shipments of specie by the P. and  
O. Company in the period covered by the latest  
report must have been far below the average,  
and account for a very material portion of the  
decline in revenue. At the same time it may  
not be amiss to remark that, according to reports  
current in the City, the shipments of specie by  
German boats engaged in the Indian trade are  
increasing in consequence of their charges being  
less onerous.











## INSURANCES

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£19,114,524.

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Paid-up Capital..... 687,500 0 0  
II. Fire Funds..... 3,065,374 15 7

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.  
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Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st July, 1908. [1019]

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Hongkong, 5th September, 1908. [120]

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## HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Alacrity, despatch-boat, 700 tons, 4 guns, 3,300 h.p. Comd. C. T. Fuller, Hongkong.  
Astraea, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 10 guns, 7,000 i.h.p. Captain F. E. C. Ryan, Shanghai.  
Bedford, 1st class cruiser, Capt. S. E. Erskine, R.N., Hongkong.  
Bramble, gunboat, 710 tons, 900 i.h.p. Lieut.-Comdr. Hon. R. O. D. Bridgeman, Shanghai.  
Britomart, gunboat, 710 tons, 900 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. F. B. Noble, Shanghai.  
Cadmus, British sloop, 1,070 tons, Comdr. H. L. P. Heard, Shanghai.  
Cherub, water tank and tug, 390 tons, 300 i.h.p. Master S. West, Hongkong.  
Clara, British sloop, 1,070 tons, Comdr. C. T. Borrett, Shanghai.  
Fame, torpedo-boat destroyer, 310 tons, 6 guns, 5,700 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Gresson, Hongkong.  
Flora, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 10 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. Roland Nugent, Hongkong.  
Hagard, torpedo-boat destroyer, 275 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. B. J. D. Gray, V.C., Hongkong.  
Hart, torpedo-boat destroyer, 275 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. G. C. Dickson, Canton.  
Janus, torpedo-boat destroyer, 280 tons, 6 guns, 3,900 h.p., Lt.-Comdr. C. A. Freeman, Hongkong.  
Keat, 1st class cruiser, 9,800 tons, 14 guns, 22,000 i.h.p., Capt. G. C. A. Maréchal, Hongkong.  
King Alfred, 1st class cruiser. Flag ship of the 1st Division, 11,000 tons, 14 guns, 22,000 i.h.p., Sir. H. H. Woodhouse, Commander-in-Chief, 14,100 tons, 18 guns, 30,000 i.h.p. Capt. L. Clinton-Baker, Singapore.  
Kinshia, river gunboat, 616 tons, Lieut.-Comdr. T. J. S. Lyne, Yangtze.  
Merlin, surveying ship, 1,070 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 i.h.p., Comdr. F. H. Walter, Hongkong.  
Monmouth, cruiser, 9,800 tons, Capt. G. W. Smith, Woussing.  
Moorhen, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. C. C. Wallcut, West River.  
Nightingale, river gunboat, 85 tons, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. R. S. Boy, B.N., Yangtze.  
Otter, torpedo-boat destroyer, 385 tons, 6 guns, 6,300 i.h.p., Hongkong.  
Robin, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. J. White, West River.  
Sandpiper, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. H. R. Tickell, West River.  
Snipe, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Alan Dixon, Yangtze.  
Taku, torpedo-boat destroyer, Gunner Barlow, Hongkong.  
Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, 6 guns, Commodore Lyon, Hongkong.  
Teal, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. H. R. Godfrey, Yangtze.  
Thistle, gunboat, 710 tons, 900 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. H. T. Atlay, Yangtze.  
Virago, torpedo-boat destroyer, 395 tons, 6 guns, 6,300 i.h.p., Commander Stevenson, Hongkong.  
Waterwitch, surveying ship, 620 tons, 450 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. H. J. Douglas, Hongkong.  
Whiting, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 5 guns, 5,900 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. J. Kidd, Hongkong.  
Wideopen, gunboat, 195 tons, 2 guns, 800 h.p., Lt.-Comdr. John F. Knox, Yangtze.  
Woodcock, gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. H. R. V. Cottrell, Dornier, Yangtze.  
Woodlark, gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. G. E. Livingstone, Yangtze.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 3 P.M. To-day requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining undelivered after Monday the 11th Jan. at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 11th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 11th Jan., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN, Agent.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1909. [2]

## THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "INVERIC," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO, HAMA, KOBE, MOI AND MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1909. [8]

## THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED, AND THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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## MILTON TERCENTENARY.

## MR. GEORGE MEREDITH'S LINES.

The eve of the tercentenary of the birth of John Milton was observed by the British Academy at the Theatre, Burlington-gardens, where a distinguished and representative company assembled to do honour to the venerated name of Milton. Dr. A. W. Ward, Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge, presided and delivered a splendid oration. Sir Frederick Bridge gave an address, with vocal and instrumental illustrations, on Milton and music, but interesting as these two portions of the programme were, the outstanding feature of the evening was Mr. George Meredith's lines written specially for the occasion and read by Professor Gollancz. The lines ran as follows:

What splendour of imperial station man,  
The tree of life, may reach when, rooted fast,  
His branching stem points way to upper air  
And skyward still aspires, we see in him  
Who sang for us the Archangelical host  
Made Morning by old Darkness urged to the  
abyss;

A voice that down three centuries onward  
rolls

Onward will roll while lives our English  
tongue.

In the devout of music unsurpassed  
Since Piety won Heaven's ear on Israel's  
harp.

The face of Earth, the soul of Earth, her  
charm,

Her dread austerity; the quivering fate  
Of mortals by blind hope by passion swayed,  
His mind embraced, the while on trodden soil,  
Defender of the Commonwealth, he joined  
Our temporal fray, where was in vital fruit,  
And choiced armour of the Scholar, stood  
Beside his peers to raise the voice for  
Freedom.

Nor has fair Liberty a champion armed  
To meet on heights or plains the Sophister  
Throughout the ages, equal to this man,  
Whose spirit breathed high Heaven, and drew  
thence

The ethereal sword to smite.

Were England sunk  
Beneath the shifting tides, her heart, her brain,  
The smile she wears, the faith she holds, her  
best,

Would live full-toned in the grand delivery  
Of his cathedra speech: an utterance  
Almost divine, and such as Halopont,  
Crashing its breakers under Ida's frown,  
Inspired; yet a worthier he, whose instrument  
Was by comparison the coarse reed-pipe;  
Whereof have come the marvellous harmonies  
Which, with his lofty theme, of infinite range,  
Abash, entrance, exalt.

We need him now  
This latest Age in repetition cries:  
For Belial, the adroit, is in our midst;  
Mammon, more swain to squeeze the slavish  
swart  
From hopeless toil; and overshadowing  
(Aggrandized, monstrous in his grinning  
mask  
Of hypocritical Peace), inveterate Moloch  
Remains the great example.

Homage to him  
His debtor band, innumerable as waves  
Running all golden from an eastern sun,  
Joyfully render, in deep reverence. Subscribe,  
and as they speak their Milton's name,  
Rays of his glory on their foreheads bear.

Suspended on the screen in front of the  
audience was a large wreath of autumnal leaves  
from Valombrosa, Corneille Janssen's portrait  
of Milton at the age of ten, the Mosaic Society's  
reproduction of the same, a portrait of Milton  
at a later age, a portrait of Henry Lawes, and  
the British and United States flags. The  
theatre was crowded. Diplomacy, law, and  
seats of learning were represented, and there  
were present those whose names stand high in  
the worlds of literature, science, and art. Dr.  
A. W. Ward occupied the chair in the absence  
of the President, who was indisposed.

AMERICAN SHIP AND DOCK  
YARDS.

ESTIMATES FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Rear-Admiral R. C. Hollyday, chief of the  
bureau of yards and docks of the United States  
Navy, makes proposals for the extension and  
improvements at insular stations and for a  
higher standard in the maintenance of home  
navy yards in his annual report to the Secretary  
of the Navy.

The estimates for navy yards and stations  
recommended to be submitted to Congress at  
its coming session are as follows: Public  
works, including repairs and preservation,  
\$9,811,730; maintenance yards and docks,  
\$1,500,000; contingent yards and docks,  
\$30,000. Total, \$13,341,730.

The need for additional dry docks is urged.  
All of the principal yards, Admiral Hollyday  
states, should have structures of sufficient  
capacity to dock the largest vessels likely to be  
built within the near future.

The estimates recommended for the various  
navy yards and stations include: Naval station,  
Cavite, P. I., \$15,900; naval station, island of  
Guam, \$44,000; navy yard, Mare Island, Cal.,  
\$1,776,500; naval station, Olongapo, P. I.,  
\$100,000; naval station, Pearl harbor, including  
an estimate of \$200,000 toward the construction  
of a dry dock to cost \$2,000,000, \$1,500,000;  
navy yard, Manila, \$1,391,000; naval  
station, Tulaia, Samoa, \$8,500.

The need for more civil engineers and high-  
class technical assistants is emphasized, and the  
wisdom of having the Government purchase  
dredging plants instead of dredging by con-  
tractors is urged. Increases of pay and rank for  
officers and employees are asked for.

MR. BIRRELL'S "LAST WALK."

Mr. Birrell told an amusing story in propos-  
ing the toast of the Royal Society of Medicine  
at the annual dinner at the Hotel Cecil, last  
month. There was no profession, he said, for  
which he had a profound admiration, and  
there was none about which he knew less.  
(Laughter.) He had hitherto—although there  
was plenty of time yet for an ample revenge—  
enjoyed almost an unbroken health. Only  
once in his life did he set out in search of a  
physician for himself. Only once in his life  
did he feel persuaded that he was smitten with  
a mortal disease, and so he determined to die  
secundum artem—(laughter)—for he was the  
last man to be irregular in his departure  
from this world. (Laughter.) He started on  
his journey to consult a distinguished doctor  
who lived in the neighbourhood of Harley-  
street, and whom he knew was a great  
expert on the disease to which he thought  
he was a victim. It was a hot day in  
July, and he thought the time was come to  
take his last walk. He walked from his house,  
which was in the neighbourhood of a disson-road,  
to Harley-street. He found the great physician's  
rooms all crowded with patients—probably, he  
thought, suffering from a similar complaint, to  
himself. While waiting, he found on the table  
a book written by the great physician on the  
subject of the particular disease. He opened  
the book, and the first words which caught his

eye were these: "The patient who is suffering  
from this disease never perspires." (Laughter.)  
He had Scotch blood in his veins, so he picked up  
his hat and gloves and walked out, and he had  
never seen that eminent physician from that  
day to this. (Laughter.)

## SOME VICES AND A MORAL.

[BY CLARENCE ROOK.]

Are they enemies or friends—these things  
that we encounter in our daily task and nightly  
rest; the bath, the fresh air, the exercise, the  
afternoon tea, the dinner, the coffee and cigars?  
Some time ago, writing of the increase of  
London tea-shops, I incidentally asked whether  
tea—with toast and muffs—were necessary as a  
fourth meal of the day. Dr. John H. Clarke  
answered the question at more than equal length  
and with far superior knowledge. And now, in  
a volume of concentrated humour and science,  
Dr. Clarke gives us his views upon "Vital Eco-  
nomy." I take it his object is to tell us how  
best to conserve such energy as we have behind,  
and draw no bills on life that we cannot meet  
with a little food and rest at our disposal.

## THE VICE OF THE BATH.

The vice of the bath I have already spoken of,  
and it is one I cannot overcome. Nevertheless  
the doctor tells me that if I lie in my warm bath  
every morning I wash myself duly, and the  
more soap I use the dirtier I become, and the  
less individual energy is at my disposal. The  
explanation is something about skin-cells, which  
you will not comprehend. But alas! for the  
energy and skin-cells cast into the main drainage  
system! The bath in the temperate and  
vulcanic climate between the tropics and the  
Pole is a fetish, and Dr. Clarke knows men who  
have been killed by a compulsory bath!

"Plenty of fresh air" is another medical  
fetish—for the moment. Having sniffed and  
analysed the fresh air, the doctor is doubt-  
ful as to its efficacy. "What is fresh air? It  
contains an encyclopaedia of organisms, some of  
them welcome, some of them harmful. And as  
we have to die some day, whether it is better to  
die of asphyxiation or a draught? My personal  
fetish is fresh air, though Dr. Clarke has  
knocked it from its pedestal. In London, with  
the sheep-like following of convention, I keep a  
bedroom window open to the wind, and awake  
with small appetite for breakfast. On certain  
steamer I have slept peacefully with the por-  
tainer closed in a storm, not a whiff of "fresh  
air" from sleeping time to waking, and waked  
with a roaring appetite for breakfast.

It is folly to seek a doctor who is really  
human in his failings and sympathies. In the  
matter of exercise he is very firm. You have so  
much to give out, so much to take; and the  
doctor, with literary and practical work to  
do, gave himself his own prescription—he took  
a cab from house to club—in order to give the  
brain what was stolen from the legs. The  
system was that of Mr. Chamberlain and of  
many other hard workers whose instinct forbade  
them to burn the candle at both ends.

## VICES AND THEIR ANTIDOTES.

But you must organise your vices; for in this  
suburban life we cannot believe perfection.  
You have the vicious desire for a bath; you  
think you require tea in the morning, or a round  
of golf in the afternoon, or coffee after dinner,  
or a cigar, or a whisky and soda. All these  
desires, as I gather from Dr. Clarke, are simply  
demands for intoxicants. The almost  
universal craving for some kind of intoxicant  
which prevails throughout the world—among  
all races of humanity, whether civilised or not,  
and among the poor and rich alike.

I look down the list of vices—the stimulants  
that seem to encourage a man to fresh en-  
deavour. They are all harmful. And I look into  
my soul—and body—to discover the proper  
mode of continuing this rather amusing life on  
earth. Washing is harmful unless taken in  
nips or sections, there are people who have  
achieved "delirium tremens" from tea, men of  
fifty, temperate in all other respects, have fallen  
dead by taking exercise in springing for a  
train, and coffee, poison, will injure both the  
head and the heart. These are the people who  
have been timid in their vices. The people who  
have been sin no more; the people who eat green  
food without pepper. In a word, the people who  
have but one vice. You must tabulate  
your vices, add them up and let them cancel  
out.

Some kind of an instinct has led us to the  
vice and the antidote. Why is it that every  
man, when he sees pork, turns round for the  
apple sauce? Why is it that mutton demands  
the attendant jelly? An egg without salt is as  
flavourless as a kiss through a respirator, and  
there are few men with a love of green vegetables  
who do not look for the pepper-caster. For the  
human instinct is merely a development of that  
of the dog who eats grass when he knows he has  
spoiled too freely with the sheep-drops. And look-  
ing at my own life, I would gladly be without  
cigar and live without slaughtering other  
sentient beings or intoxicating myself with tea.  
But I am human. I have one vice: good! I  
drunk tea in the early morning. Now that cup of  
tea will be my doom, unless I take the antidote.  
If I have one vice, if I have fallen one peg from  
immaculate virtue, the price must be paid. I  
must assume another. Once I have fallen from  
virtue and lighted my cigar—which is poison—  
I am impelled to take coffee, which is another  
poison, and the doctor agrees that this is the  
proper antidote. "Even whisky is beneficial  
when taken in conjunction with tobacco, for the  
cigar cancel out, and the combination is less  
injurious than either taken singly."

"SINS MUST NOT BE ODD."  
It is a difficult problem for a man who is not  
absolutely without vices. Shall I give up wash-  
ing and keep the cigar? Shall I renounce  
coffee and open the window? Shall I live on  
nuts and climb mountains? The answer is...  
beware of a single vice. If you have one, get  
another at once, and it will cancel the former.  
One. If you have a love for oysters, take  
vinegar, and if you must poison yourself with  
smoke you had better poison yourself with  
alcohol as well. Smoking is a mere matter of  
arithmetic. My vice of tea in the morning is  
cancelled by a bath, and the bath is again a  
problem.

Good gracious! this is a matter of odd and  
even through the day and year. Longing to  
live a reputable life, I had the one vice before  
me, the antidote—another vice—and finally I  
am with Lord George Sanger, driving a team  
of thirty-two through the streets. Thirty-two  
horses, subservient. "Thirty-two vices! You  
will notice the mathematical accuracy which  
brought Sanger safely through the crowded  
streets with thirty-two horses. Another vice—  
and I'm done for. Vices must go in even  
numbers. When once you have embarked on the  
career of sin, and smoked a surreptitious  
cigarette in the corner of the garden, you have  
started the odd numbers of vices. And you  
will have to even up those sin abhors through  
coffee and exercise and pepper and whisky and  
bills and green-meat. For your sins must  
not be odd, but even; so says the doctor. I am  
adding up my own total, and am trying to think  
of something wicked to balance my passion for  
oranges—which makes the thirty-first. For  
I'm determined to die with my sins level—  
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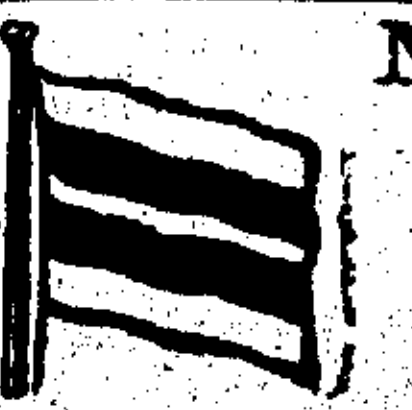
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	CEYLON MARU Capt. Fred. Payne	5068	THURSDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon
	AWA MARU Capt. A. Keith	6309	WED'DAY, 13th Jan., at Daylight
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Halibourg	Triumph	Thursday, 7th, 9.00 A.M.
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Macao	Sui Tai	Thursday, 7th, 2.00 P.M.
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Shanghai	Feiching	Thursday, 7th, 8.00 P.M.
Shanghai and Nanking	Chenai	Thursday, 7th, 8.00 P.M.
Swatow and Hongkong	Wongkoi	Thursday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Katowberg	Thursday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Tingang	Friday, 8th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Italian	Friday, 8th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Friday, 8th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Gregory Apar	Friday, 8th, 1.15 P.M.
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Macao	Sui Tai	Saturday, 9th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Fooking	Monday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Samarang and Sourabaya	Tienkin	Monday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Kobe	Onagawa	Monday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
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Per P. & O. str. *Nore* from London, Dec. 19—to Hongkong: Lieut. and Mrs. H. D. Collison Mosley and child, Major and Mrs. H. R. Adair, Mr. A. Lang, Miss V. Brantingham, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Walker and children, Mrs. M. A. Day, Miss W. E. A. Johnston, Mr. J. E. Hacking, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fowler, Mr. J. B. Shiers, Eng. W. S. L. Collins, Eng. Sub-Lieut. F. B. Jacques.

Per P. & O. steamer *China*, connecting with the steamer *Britannia* at Colombo. From London Jan. 1, 1909—to Hongkong: Bishop Price, Miss Craig, Miss Skegg, Messrs E. S. Griffith and J. Grant.

Per P. & O. steamer *Palawan* from London Jan. 2—To Hongkong: Mr. W. Mackay, Miss M. J. Park, Mr. P. T. Lambie, Mrs. Royle and child.

Per P. & O. steamer *Moldavia* connecting with the steamer *Delhi* at Colombo. From London Jan. 15—to Hongkong: Miss McGregor, Messrs Young and A. K. N. Corbett. From Marseilles, Jan. 22—to Hongkong: Miss H. S. Fletcher. From Colombo to Hongkong: Mrs. and Misses Birkbeck, Mr. H. Birkbeck.

Per Messageries Maritimes str. *Polynesien* from Marseilles Dec. 20—to Hongkong: Mr. M. Donato.

Per Imperial German Mail steamer *Lutetia* from Antwerp Dec. 3—to Hongkong: Mr. C. Christensen. From Southampton: Dec. 8—to Hongkong: Mr. T. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. A. Craig and child, Miss Craig. From Genoa Dec. 17—to Hongkong: Rev. Kriebe, Rev. Rohrig, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bombach, Mr. L. Hallward. From Colombo to Hongkong: Mr. W. C. Forbes, Mr. J. R. de Luzuriaga, Miss Lloyd and Mrs. Russell.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.  
From January 7th to 18th, 1909.

	Rise Water.	Low Water.
Day	Hour	Hour
Jan 7	11.15	4.45
Jan 8	11.35	4.25
Jan 9	11.55	4.05
Jan 10	12.15	3.45
Jan 11	12.35	3.25
Jan 12	12.55	3.05
Jan 13	1.15	2.45
Jan 14	1.35	2.25
Jan 15	1.55	2.05
Jan 16	2.15	1.45
Jan 17	2.35	1.25
Jan 18	2.55	1.05

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.  
Hongkong Observatory, January 6th.

	Previous Day at 5 p.m.	On Date at 5 a.m.	On Date at 5 p.m.
Barometer	29.87	29.97	29.88
Temperature	65	66	65
Humidity	92	92	92
Wind Direction	E	E	E
Force	3	3	3
Weather	—	—	—
Rain	—	0.10	—
Highest open air temperature on 6th	—	67	—
Lowest open air temperature on 6th	—	63	—

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January 6th.

ON LONDON—	1/8 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer	1/8 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/8 1/2
Credit, at 4 months' sight	1/8 1/2
Documentary Bills at 4 months' sight	1/8 1/2
ON PARIS—	218
Bank Bills, on demand	218
Credit, at 4 months' sight	222 1/2
ON GERMANY—	178
On demand	178
ON NEW YORK—	42 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	42 1/2
Credit, at 60 days' sight	43 1/2
ON BOHAMA—	130 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer	130 1/2
Bank, on demand	130 1/2
ON CALCUTTA—	130 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer	130 1/2
Bank, on demand	130 1/2
ON SHANGHAI—	75 1/2
Bank, at sight	75 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	76 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA—On demand	85 1/2
ON MANILA—On demand—Pesos	85 1/2
ON SINGAPORE—On demand	74 1/2
ON BATAVIA—On demand	105
ON HONGKONG—On demand	83 1/2
ON SAIGON—On demand	90 1/2
ON BANGKOK—On demand	90 1/2
GOVERNMENT Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.35
SOVEREIGN, 100 fms, per tal.	\$60.20
BAB SILVER, per oz.	23 1/2

	per cent
Chinese	20 cents pieces, 84.30 discount.
Chinese	10 " 85.40 "
Hongkong	20 " 83.80 "
Hongkong	10 " 83.90 "

	per pioul
Malwa New	\$1.110
Malwa Old	\$1.120
Malwa Older	\$1.130
Malwa V. Old	\$1.150
Foreign fine quality	\$1.150
Extra fine line	\$1.155
Patna Old	\$1.155
Banars New	\$1.070
Banars Old	—

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